

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

The Eaton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the County Facilities, in the City of Charlotte, Wednesday, September 18, 2024 including the availability of virtual attendance by the public.

Chairman Mott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Mulder gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given by all.

Roll call. Commissioners present: Tim Barnes, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Brandon Haskell, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Trevor Youngquist, Mark Mudry, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Scott Hansen, Brian Lautzenheiser, Frank Holmes, Barbara Rogers and Jim Mott.

Commissioners absent: Jacob Toomey.

Controller Sobie requested the addition under Ways & Means – COAM Letter of Agreement.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of the August 21, 2024 minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Lautzenheiser. Carried unanimously.

Communications: Former Eaton Rapids Police Chief and Mayor Paul Malewski spoke in support of the Eaton County Separate Tax Limitation Proposal.

Claudine Williams, Intergovernmental Affairs and Development Director, presented the final report on the expenditure of FY22/23 CDBG funds and the proposed use of program funds to administer the FY23/24 CDBG Emergency Repair Program.

Public Hearing. Chairman Mott opened the public hearing at 7:05.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of the following three retirement resolutions:

#24-9-90 Resolution of Appreciation for Adam Holliday Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, Adam Holliday will be retiring from Eaton County on September 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Adam worked in the Sheriff's Office as a Sheriff Deputy from September 13, 1999, and is retiring with more than 25 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Adam has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Adam's years of public service.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Adam provided to Eaton County; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 18th day of the month of September in the year 2024.

#24-9-91 Resolution of Appreciation for Tad Schwartz Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, Tad Schwartz will be retiring from Eaton County on September 26, 2024; and
WHEREAS, Tad worked in the Sheriff's Office as a Sheriff Deputy from August 30, 1999, and then as a Deputy Sheriff Training Officer from March 13, 2013, and is retiring with more than 25 years of service; and
WHEREAS, Tad has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Tad's years of public service.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Tad provided to Eaton County; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 18th day of the month of September in the year 2024.

#24-9-92 Resolution of Appreciation for Troy Gardner Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, Troy Gardner will be retiring from Eaton County on September 27, 2024; and
WHEREAS, Troy worked in the Sheriff's Office as a Sheriff Deputy from August 30, 1999, and then as a Detective from June 17, 2013, and is retiring with more than 25 years of service; and
WHEREAS, Troy has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Troy's years of public service.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Troy provided to Eaton County; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 18th day of the month of September in the year 2024.

Seconded by Commissioner Rogers to approve the three retirement resolutions.
Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of #24-9-93 Resolution Recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the Eaton Rapids Fire Department.

WHEREAS, the City of Eaton Rapids Fire Department was founded in 1874 and has proudly served the residents of Eaton Rapids and the surrounding communities for the past 150 years; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton Rapids Fire Department has remained steadfast in its commitment to protecting lives, property, and the environment, responding to countless emergencies with courage and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Eaton Rapids Fire Department exemplify dedication, sacrifice, and bravery, often placing their own lives at risk to safeguard the safety of others; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton Rapids Fire Department has continually adapted to meet the changing needs of the community by embracing advancements in technology, equipment, and firefighting techniques, ensuring that their service remains exemplary; and

WHEREAS, the department's long-standing tradition of volunteerism, civic engagement, and mutual aid has fostered a strong sense of community and cooperation, not only within Eaton Rapids but across the region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eaton Rapids and its residents are deeply grateful for the unwavering service and commitment demonstrated by the members of the Fire Department, both past and present, who have dedicated themselves to this noble profession; and

WHEREAS, the 150th anniversary of the Eaton Rapids Fire Department presents a unique opportunity to reflect on its storied history, honor those who have served, and celebrate its vital contributions to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Eaton Rapids Fire Department, and extend our deepest appreciation to all its members, past and present, for their extraordinary service to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Eaton Rapids Fire Department in recognition of this milestone anniversary and in gratitude for their continued dedication to public safety.

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of #24-9-95 Resolution to Adopt the Substance Use and Misuse Strategic Plan And Community Assessment Recommendations and to Create The Opioid Settlement Oversight Committee.

WHEREAS, Eaton County Board of Commissioners, in partnership with the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) and the Barry-Eaton District Health Department (BEDHD), formed an Opioid Settlement Steering Committee to develop the Eaton County Substance Use and Misuse Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Opioid Settlement Steering Committee engaged with Michigan State University to develop a Community Assessment as part of the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan and Community Assessment will work in tandem to address Opioid Settlement dollars and provide a template for decision-makers and stakeholders to move the County forward in addressing substance use and misuse; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners wishes to establish an Opioid Settlement Oversight Committee to process and ensure opportunities for local organizations and departments to receive opioid settlement funds for purposes of development, implementation, expansion, or enhancement of programs and to monitor said funds expended to entities for purposes of opioid remediation; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners has final approval on how the opioid settlement monies are dispersed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Eaton County Substance Use and Misuse Strategic Plan and Community Assessment Recommendations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes an Opioid Settlement Oversight Committee to include representatives from the Chairman's Opioid Workgroup, the public health community, and a person(s) with lived experience with substance use or family/friends of those with lived experience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Opioid Settlement Oversight Committee will develop a request for proposals process and review, score, and recommend how funds will be awarded for all requests for opioid settlement funds to advise the Board of Commissioners, and will oversee activities of entities awarded opioid settlement funding.

Seconded by Commissioner Brehler. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of the following Committee Appointments:

Opioid Settlement Oversight Committee 3-year term

Kalli Dempsey	12/31/27
Madelyne Lawry	12/31/27
Stacey Olney	12/31/27

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of #24-9-96 Resolution to Approve Maple Valley School Resource Officer Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Maple Valley School District is interested in entering into a contract with Eaton County and the Eaton County Sheriff's Office to assign a deputy as a School Resource Officer within the District; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inter-local agreement (attached) has been developed to provide an assigned School Resource Officer within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee and Ways and Means Committee have reviewed the attached agreement between the County and the Maple Valley School District for said purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves the proposed agreement with the Maple Valley School District; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute said agreement for the County.

Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright. Carried. Nays: Brehler.

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of #24-9-97 Resolution to Approve Village of Vermontville Police Services Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Village of Vermontville is interested in entering into a contract with Eaton County and the Eaton County Sheriff's Office to provide police services within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inter-local agreement (attached) has been developed to provide assigned patrols within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee and Ways and Means Committee have reviewed the attached agreement between the County and the Village of Vermontville for said purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves the proposed agreement with the Village of Vermontville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute said agreement for the County.

Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried. Nays: Brehler.

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of #24-9-98 Resolution to Approve Amendment to the Eaton County 9-1-1 Plan (Administrative Findings).

WHEREAS, Eaton County has adopted a Final 911 Service Plan ("Plan") pursuant to the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, 1986 PA 32, as amended ("Act").

WHEREAS, the Plan requires the Board to enact Administrative Findings to identify the list of PSAPs, public agencies dispatched, and dispatch methods.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD HEREBY FINDS that the following is the current list of public agencies currently dispatched and their dispatch methods:

Law Enforcement			
PSAP Area	Public Agency¹	Dispatch	Backup PSAP²
County of Eaton	Michigan State Police (MSP)	Direct	
County of Eaton	Eaton County Sheriff's Department (ECSD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of	Bellevue Police Department (BPD)	Direct	

¹ Depending on reciprocal aid agreements, authorization by the identified public agency and/or emergencies, ECEC has the right and authority to dispatch directly, by transfer or by relay methods, public agencies that are outside of the District and not specifically identified in this Appendix.

² This Plan anticipates that many neighboring 911 centers could serve as a backup, especially if NexGen is implemented. The Board will enter into reciprocal agreements to cover back up in the event of particular need.

Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept			
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Charlotte Police Department (CPD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Eaton Rapids Police Department (ERPD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Grand Ledge Police Department (GLPD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Lansing Police Department (LPD)	Direct by Ingham County Central Dispatch as Primary PSAP	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Olivet Police Department (OPD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Potterville Police Department (PPD)	Direct	
Fire Services			
PSAP Area	Public Agency³	Dispatch	Backup PSAP⁴
Primarily Geographic	Bellevue Fire Department	Direct by Eaton County Emergency	

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Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept		Communications as Primary PSAP, Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority, and Barry County Central Dispatch Authority	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Benton Township Fire Department (BTFD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Castleton Maple Grove Nashville Fire Department (NFD)	Direct by Barry County Central Dispatch Authority	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Charlotte Fire Department (CFD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Delta Township Fire Department (DTFD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Eaton Rapids Fire Department (ERFD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Eaton Rapids Township Fire Department (ERTFD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but	Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority (GLAESA)	Direct	

Subject to Closest Car Concept			
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Hamlin Township Fire Department (HTFD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Lansing Fire Department (LFD)	Direct by Ingham County Central Dispatch as Primary PSAP	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Olivet Fire Department (OFD)	Direct by Eaton County Emergency Communications as Primary PSAP and Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Roxand Township Fire Department (RTFD)	Direct by Eaton County Emergency Communications as Primary PSAP and Ionia County Central Dispatch	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Springport Regional Fire Department (SRFD)	Direct by Jackson County Central Dispatch as Primary PSAP	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Sunfield Sebewa Danby Fire Department (SFD)	Direct by Eaton County Emergency Communications as Primary PSAP and Ionia County Central Dispatch	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Vermontville Fire Department (VFD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but	Windsor Township Emergency Services (WTES)	Direct	

Subject to Closest Car Concept			
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Emergency Medical Services			
PSAP Area	Public Agency⁵	Dispatch	Backup PSAP⁶
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Benton Township EMS (BTEMS)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Castleton Maplegrove Nashville Area EMS (NEMS)	Direct by Eaton County Emergency Communications as Primary PSAP and Barry County Central Dispatch Authority	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Delta Township EMS (DTEMS)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Eaton Area EMS (EAEMS)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority (GLAESA)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but	Portland City EMS (PEMS)	Direct by Eaton County Emergency Communications as Primary PSAP and	

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⁶ This Plan anticipates that many neighboring 911 centers could serve as a backup, especially if NexGen is implemented. The Board will enter into reciprocal agreements to cover back up in the event of particular need.

Subject to Closest Car Concept		Ionia County Central Dispatch	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Vermontville EMS (VEMS)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Windsor Township Emergency Services (WTES)	Direct	
Miscellaneous			
PSAP Area	Public Agency⁷	Dispatch	Backup PSAP⁸
County of Eaton	Eaton County Road Commission (ECRC)	Direct	
County of Eaton	Eaton County Emergency Management (ECEM)	Direct	
County of Eaton	Eaton County Animal Control (ECAC)	Direct	
County of Eaton	Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	Direct	

THE BOARD FURTHER RESOLVES that these Administrative Findings shall modify, amend, replace, or supersede any prior resolution or Administrative Finding. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of #24-9-99 Resolution to Authorize The Initial Work Agreement For Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management Division has grant funds available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program; and
WHEREAS, the County receives funding through this program to fund a portion of the cost of the Emergency Manager position; and
WHEREAS, an initial work agreement for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, is required to remain eligible for the continuation of funding

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through this program, which is estimated to provide up to 50% of the position salary based on the completion of eligible activities contained in the initial work agreement. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the initial work agreement is authorized for submission; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller be authorized to approve any necessary budget amendments in reference to the award of this grant; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners or their designee is authorized to sign any necessary grant documents.
Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of #24-9-100 Resolution to Commemorate Canine Advocate Reagan.

WHEREAS, Reagan served as the first Canine Advocate for the Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and as the fifth Canine Advocate in the state; and
WHEREAS, Reagan served the residents of Eaton County from December 2013 until August 2024; and
WHEREAS, Bryan Seratt, along with his family, served as the handler and caregiver of Reagan giving him a loving home and support to fulfill his duties for Eaton County.
WHEREAS, Reagan and Bryan utilized their special skill set and relationship to assist both Oxford High School and the Berrien County Courthouse after tragic events impacted those communities; and
WHEREAS, Reagan assisted and provided needed comfort to victims for over a decade in Eaton County, *relieving anxiety and especially helping children in need of relief from traumatic events; and*
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners commemorate the 11 years of dedicated service Canine Advocate Reagan, along with his handler Bryan Seratt, served the people of Eaton County as a symbol of hope, strength, and healing.
Seconded by Commissioner Haskell. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved to approve the agreement with the Command Officers Association of Michigan (COAM) and the Central Dispatch Supervisory Group as presented at the Ways and Means Committee meeting on September 13, 2024.
Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #24-9-101 Resolution to Approve 2023/2024 Budget Amendments.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County 2023/2024 Appropriations Act of September 20, 2023, states that any amendment to increase a salary and/or a Capital Outlay line-item in excess of \$2,500.00 or any amendment to increase the total budget of any fund or department in excess of \$2,500.00 shall be amended by the Board of Commissioners, except that any amendment to decrease the General Fund Contingency shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and
WHEREAS, such amendments are needed in order to comply with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act of 1978, P.A. 621.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments be approved and added to the 2023/2024 Eaton County Budget:

GENERAL FUND - 101

COUNTY CLERK - ELECTIONS 101.215

Increase	Wages & Fringe	\$	21,500
Decrease	Professional Services	\$	21,500

To amend budget for election workers paid as employees rather than contractors as originally budgeted.

SHERIFF 101.301

Increase	Insurance Proceeds	\$	62,500
Increase	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$	62,500

To increase budget for the cost of two totaled leased vehicles and the insurance proceeds.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

PARKS AND RECREATION 208

Increase	Wages & Fringes	\$	45,000
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$	45,000

To increase budget for interim director, overtime, and temporary employee costs.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 282

Increase	Federal Revenue	\$	927,680
Increase	Wages & Fringes	\$	927,680

To increase budget for recruitment and retention payments as approved in December 2022.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 282

Increase	Interest Revenue	\$	285,000
Increase	Transfers Out – Health Insurance	\$	185,000
Increase	Transfers Out – Drain	\$	100,000

GENERAL FUND – TRANSFERS 101

Increase	Transfers In – American Rescue Plan Fund	\$	100,000
Increase	Transfers Out – Drain At Large	\$	100,000

To increase budget for recognition of American Rescue Plan Act interest and increased operational expenses. The transfer to the Health Insurance Fund will defray the increased costs the County has experienced for employee health care in an amount not to exceed \$185,000. The transfer to the General Fund for Drain at Large expenses will defray the increased costs the County has experienced due to annual drain maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of 24-9-102 Resolution to Approve 2023/2024 Budget Amendments.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County 2023/2024 Appropriations Act of September 20, 2023, states that any amendment to increase a salary and/or a Capital Outlay line-item in excess of \$2,500.00 or any amendment to increase the total budget of any fund or department in excess of \$2,500.00 shall be amended by the Board of Commissioners, except that any amendment to decrease the General Fund Contingency shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, such amendments are needed in order to comply with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act of 1978, P.A. 621.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments be approved and added to the 2023/2024 Eaton County Budget:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 282

Increase	Federal Revenue	\$ 51,000
Increase	Professional Services	\$ 51,000

To increase budget for foreclosure prevention program as approved in December 2022.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT 284

Increase	Opioid Settlement – Distributor	\$ 168,600
Increase	Opioid Settlement – Teva	\$ 34,450
Increase	Opioid Settlement – Allergen	\$ 43,600
Increase	Opioid Settlement – CVS	\$ 29,950
Increase	Opioid Settlement - McKinsey	\$ 62,100
Decrease	Use of Fund Balance	\$ 338,700

To increase budget for recognition of Opioid Settlement monies received.
Seconded by Commissioner Rogers. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of claims as audited by the Ways & Means Committee for \$18,650,080.93 and to accept the report of previously authorized payments. Seconded by Commissioner Lautzenheiser. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #23-9-103 Resolution to Adopt the FY 2024-2025 Eaton County Budget and Winter Tax Rates.

WHEREAS, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, Public Act 621 of 1978, as amended, indicates that the Legislative body shall adopt a balanced budget for all funds by passing an Appropriations Act; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be known as the Fiscal Year 2025 General Appropriation Act; and

WHEREAS, that pursuant to State law, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on September 1, 2024 and September 8, 2024, and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on September 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County voters authorized millages of 0.7000 of a mill for Jail Debt and Operation, 0.9500 of a mill for 911, 0.2500 of a mill for EATRAN, 0.3500 of

a mill for Juvenile Operations, 0.1250 of a mill for the Medical Care Facility, 1.5000 mills for Road Repair and Rehabilitation, and 0.5000 of a mill for Parks Operations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners will authorize, in June 2025, a general property tax levy on all real and personal property within the County upon the current tax roll for County general operations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Fiscal Year 2025 General Appropriations Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves a levy of the full amount allocated after application of MCL 211.34(d), the "Headlee" millage reduction fraction, or 0.6993 of a mill for Jail Debt and Operation, 0.9500 of a mill for 911, 0.3500 of a mill for Juvenile Operations, 0.1248 of a mill for the Medical Care Facility, 1.4985 for Road Repair and Rehabilitation, and 0.5000 of a mill for Parks Operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves a levy of 0.2497 of a mill for EATRAN; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2024/2025 Eaton County General Fund (#101) budget of \$49,038,602 be adopted by activity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other funds budgets (Special Revenue \$29,768,066 and Debt Service \$7,235,786) be adopted by activity, for a total 2024/2025 budget of \$86,042,454; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to increase a salary and/or a Capital Outlay activity in excess of \$2,500.00 shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to increase the total budget of any fund or department in excess of \$2,500.00 shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners except that any amendment to decrease the General Fund Contingency shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller be authorized to make such other budget amendments as necessary with the exception of those specified in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the approved Position Allocation List contained in this resolution shall limit the number of permanent employees who can be employed in all departments, offices, and the courts, and no funds are appropriated for any permanent position or employee not on the Approved Position List; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as vacancies occur during the budget year, they shall not be refilled, except by specific Ways and Means Committee authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certain positions contained in the Position Allocation List which are supported in some part by a grant, cost sharing, reimbursement, or some other source of outside funding are only approved contingent upon the County receiving those budgeted revenues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that some outside funding is not received or the County is notified that it will not be received, said positions shall be considered not funded and removed from the approved Position Allocation List; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is understood that revenues and expenditures may vary from those which are currently contemplated and may be changed from time to time by the Board of Commissioners during the 2024/2025 fiscal year, as deemed necessary. Consequently, there may be a need to increase or decrease various portions of the budget and/or impose layoffs due to unforeseen financial changes; therefore, the

Board of Commissioners reserves the right to change the Approved Position Allocation List at any time. The County Elected Officials and County Department Heads shall abide by whatever changes are made by the Board of Commissioners, if any, relative to the approved position and the number of employees stated in the Position Allocation List.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salaries of the County's Elected Officials are established according to the Elected Official Salary Schedule contained in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the activity appropriations which represent the estimated costs of operating the Courts in 2024/2025 are contingent upon reimbursements to Eaton County by the State of Michigan in accordance with MCL 600.151(b). County appropriations to the Courts, in accordance with P.A. 374 and 375 of 1996, are made contingent upon conformance to all county policies and procedures regarding court personnel and the expenditure of funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all County Elected Officials and County Department Heads shall abide by all applicable policies set by the Board of Commissioners including but not limited to budgets, purchasing, travel, and per diems; as well as the Eaton County Personnel Policies, and that budgeted funds for these purposes are appropriated contingent upon compliance with all County policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Personnel Policy shall apply to all employees and elected officials who are not covered under a collective bargaining agreement or who function under a policy manual, which has been jointly approved by the County Board of Commissioners and an Elected Official who has co-employer status.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Controller shall be authorized to make year-end transfers of up to \$20,000 between activities or funds or with such amounts that may be available in the Contingency of the General Fund, as may be necessary to ensure that departments do not end the 2024/2025 fiscal year in a deficit condition. Any such transfer will be reported to the Ways and Means Committee at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Carried unanimously.

Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of #23-9-104 Resolution to Approve Employee Economic Policy Changes for Non-Union Employees

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioner's has completed bargaining with all seven (7) of the bargaining units covering wages, benefits and working conditions for employees; and

WHEREAS, the Agreements with the union groups included some technical and structural changes to compensation that are largely uniform between groups; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby authorizes that with the adoption of the budget for FY 2024/25 on October 1, 2024 that it includes an amendment to the Eaton County Board of Commissioner's Policy Handbook as outlined below;

WHEREAS, the amendment pertains to the following Articles in the Policy Handbook:

- ARTICLE 1. INSURANCE; and
- ARTICLE 5. LONGEVITY; and
- ARTICLE 7. ANNUAL LEAVE; and
- ARTICLE 8. PAID SICK LEAVE.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Controller be authorized to implement the above changes amending the Policy Handbook; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners or his designee be authorized to sign any necessary documents.
Seconded by Commissioner Droscha. Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of COAM Letter of Agreement
Seconded by Commissioner Augustine. Carried unanimously. (On file)

Administrator's Report: Controller/Administrator Sobie recognized County department leaders for their office presentations to Ways & Means Committee on July 26th.

Controller Sobie also stated that several informational meetings are being held regarding the ballot proposal in local communities and as well as individually with interested residents. She thanked her office staff for dedicating many hours to this project.

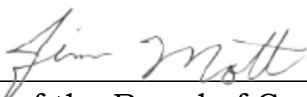
Ms. Sobie also thanked Prosecutor Lloyd for attending the majority of the meetings and his work to help the public understand the proposal. She thanked Sheriff Reich and Chairman Mott for their many hours attending these important meetings. She also thanked the members of the Board who have attended local meetings.

Commissioner Comments: Chairman Mott stated that a town hall event will be held at the Charlotte Community Library on Tuesday September 24th to discuss the County Separate Tax Limitation proposal. He thanked Controller Sobie and her staff for their tireless work in attending many local board meetings or the past weeks to provide the public with the information. Commissioners Holmes and Rogers spoke regarding the importance of attending the township and city board meetings to speak about the proposal. Commissioner Droscha spoke about the Daughters of the Revolution cemetery recognition ceremonies to be September 21st. Commissioner Haskell stated that a September festival for Hispanic Heritage Month would be held in Old Town.

There was no Unfinished Business, Old Business or New Business.

Public Comment: None

Chairman Mott adjourned the meeting to Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m.



Chairman of the Board of Commissioners



Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR
ADAM HOLLIDAY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

WHEREAS, Adam Holliday will be retiring from Eaton County on September 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Adam worked in the Sheriff's Office as a Sheriff Deputy from September 13, 1999, and is retiring with more than 25 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Adam has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Adam's years of public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Adam provided to Eaton County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 18th day of the month of September in the year 2024. Carried.

Jim Mott
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Diana Bosworth
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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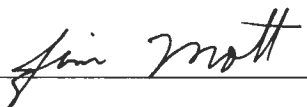
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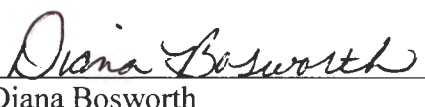
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Jim Mott
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Diana Bosworth
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EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR
TAD SCHWARTZ
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

WHEREAS, Tad Schwartz will be retiring from Eaton County on September 26, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Tad worked in the Sheriff's Office as a Sheriff Deputy from August 30, 1999, and then as a Deputy Sheriff Training Officer from March 13, 2013, and is retiring with more than 25 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Tad has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Tad's years of public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Tad provided to Eaton County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 18th day of the month of September in the year 2024. Carried unanimously.

Jim Mott
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Diana Bosworth
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EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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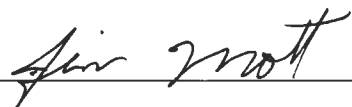
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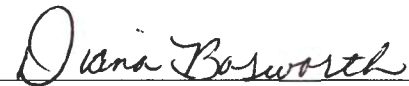
WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Tad's years of public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Tad provided to Eaton County; and

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Jim Mott
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners



Diana Bosworth
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EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR
TROY GARDNER
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

WHEREAS, Troy Gardner will be retiring from Eaton County on September 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Troy worked in the Sheriff's Office as a Sheriff Deputy from August 30, 1999, and then as a Detective from June 17, 2013, and is retiring with more than 25 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Troy has provided dedicated and honorable service to the residents and employees of Eaton County; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners seeks to recognize and express appreciation for Troy's years of public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of exceptional service Troy provided to Eaton County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 18th day of the month of September in the year 2024. Carried unanimously.

Jim Mott
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Diana Bosworth
Clerk of the Board of Commissioners

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR
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SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

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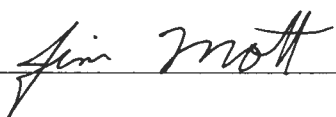
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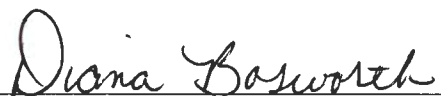
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution of appreciation and support be duly recorded and attached to the permanent records of the County on this 18th day of the month of September in the year 2024.



Jim Mott

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners



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EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE CITY OF EATON RAPIDS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine.

WHEREAS, the City of Eaton Rapids Fire Department was founded in 1874 and has proudly served the residents of Eaton Rapids and the surrounding communities for the past 150 years; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton Rapids Fire Department has remained steadfast in its commitment to protecting lives, property, and the environment, responding to countless emergencies with courage and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Eaton Rapids Fire Department exemplify dedication, sacrifice, and bravery, often placing their own lives at risk to safeguard the safety of others; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton Rapids Fire Department has continually adapted to meet the changing needs of the community by embracing advancements in technology, equipment, and firefighting techniques, ensuring that their service remains exemplary; and

WHEREAS, the department's long-standing tradition of volunteerism, civic engagement, and mutual aid has fostered a strong sense of community and cooperation, not only within Eaton Rapids but across the region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eaton Rapids and its residents are deeply grateful for the unwavering service and commitment demonstrated by the members of the Fire Department, both past and present, who have dedicated themselves to this noble profession; and

WHEREAS, the 150th anniversary of the Eaton Rapids Fire Department presents a unique opportunity to reflect on its storied history, honor those who have served, and celebrate its vital contributions to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Eaton Rapids Fire Department, and extend our deepest appreciation to all its members, past and present, for their extraordinary service to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Eaton Rapids Fire Department in recognition of this milestone anniversary and in gratitude for their continued dedication to public safety. Carried unanimously.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SUBSTANCE USE AND MISUSE
STRATEGIC PLAN AND COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATIONS
AND TO CREATE THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Brehler.

WHEREAS, Eaton County Board of Commissioners, in partnership with the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) and the Barry-Eaton District Health Department (BEDHD), formed an Opioid Settlement Steering Committee to develop the Eaton County Substance Use and Misuse Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Opioid Settlement Steering Committee engaged with Michigan State University to develop a Community Assessment as part of the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan and Community Assessment will work in tandem to address Opioid Settlement dollars and provide a template for decision-makers and stakeholders to move the County forward in addressing substance use and misuse; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners wishes to establish an Opioid Settlement Oversight Committee to process and ensure opportunities for local organizations and departments to receive opioid settlement funds for purposes of development, implementation, expansion, or enhancement of programs and to monitor said funds expended to entities for purposes of opioid remediation; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners has final approval on how the opioid settlement monies are dispersed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Eaton County Substance Use and Misuse Strategic Plan and Community Assessment Recommendations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes an Opioid Settlement Oversight Committee to include representatives from the Chairman's Opioid Workgroup, the public health community, and a person(s) with lived experience with substance use or family/friends of those with lived experience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Opioid Settlement Oversight Committee will develop a request for proposals process and review, score, and recommend how funds will be awarded for all requests for opioid settlement funds to advise the Board of Commissioners, and will oversee activities of entities awarded opioid settlement funding. Carried unanimously.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR POLICE
SERVICES – MAPLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright.

WHEREAS, the Maple Valley School District is interested in entering into a contract with Eaton County and the Eaton County Sheriff's Office to assign a deputy as a School Resource Officer within the District; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inter-local agreement (attached) has been developed to provide an assigned School Resource Officer within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee and Ways and Means Committee have reviewed the attached agreement between the County and the Maple Valley School District for said purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves the proposed agreement with the Maple Valley School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute said agreement for the County. Carried unanimously.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR POLICE
SERVICES – VILLAGE OF VERMONTVILLE**

Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Augustine.

WHEREAS, the Village of Vermontville is interested in entering into a contract with Eaton County and the Eaton County Sheriff's Office to provide police services within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inter-local agreement (attached) has been developed to provide assigned patrols within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee and Ways and Means Committee have reviewed the attached agreement between the County and the Village of Vermontville for said purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves the proposed agreement with the Village of Vermontville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute said agreement for the County. Nays: Commissioner Brehler. Carried.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE EATON COUNTY 9-1-1 PLAN (ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS)

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell.

WHEREAS, Eaton County has adopted a Final 911 Service Plan (“Plan”) pursuant to the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, 1986 PA 32, as amended (“Act”).

WHEREAS, the Plan requires the Board to enact Administrative Findings to identify the list of PSAPs, public agencies dispatched, and dispatch methods.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD HEREBY FINDS that the following is the current list of public agencies currently dispatched and their dispatch methods:

Law Enforcement			
PSAP Area	Public Agency³	Dispatch	Backup PSAP⁴
County of Eaton	Michigan State Police (MSP)	Direct	
County of Eaton	Eaton County Sheriff's Department (ECSD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Bellevue Police Department (BPD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Charlotte Police Department (CPD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Eaton Rapids Police Department (ERPD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity,	Grand Ledge Police Department (GLPD)	Direct	

³ Depending on reciprocal aid agreements, authorization by the identified public agency and/or emergencies, ECEC has the right and authority to dispatch directly, by transfer or by relay methods, public agencies that are outside of the District and not specifically identified in this Appendix.

⁴ This Plan anticipates that many neighboring 911 centers could serve as a backup, especially if NexGen is implemented. The Board will enter into reciprocal agreements to cover back up in the event of particular need.

but Subject to Closest Car Concept			
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Lansing Police Department (LPD)	Direct by Ingham County Central Dispatch as Primary PSAP	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Olivet Police Department (OPD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Pottersville Police Department (PPD)	Direct	
Fire Services			
PSAP Area	Public Agency⁵	Dispatch	Backup PSAP⁶
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Bellevue Fire Department	Direct by Eaton County Emergency Communications as Primary PSAP, Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority, and Barry County Central Dispatch Authority	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Benton Township Fire Department (BTFD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Castleton Maple Grove Nashville Fire Department (NFD)	Direct by Barry County Central Dispatch Authority	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Charlotte Fire Department (CFD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Delta Township Fire Department (DTFD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Eaton Rapids Fire Department (ERFD)	Direct	

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Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Eaton Rapids Township Fire Department (ERTFD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority (GLAESA)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Hamlin Township Fire Department (HTFD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Lansing Fire Department (LFD)	Direct by Ingham County Central Dispatch as Primary PSAP	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Olivet Fire Department (OFD)	Direct by Eaton County Emergency Communications as Primary PSAP and Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Roxand Township Fire Department (RTFD)	Direct by Eaton County Emergency Communications as Primary PSAP and Ionia County Central Dispatch	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Springport Regional Fire Department (SRFD)	Direct by Jackson County Central Dispatch as Primary PSAP	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Sunfield Sebewa Danby Fire Department (SFD)	Direct by Eaton County Emergency Communications as Primary PSAP and Ionia County Central Dispatch	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Vermontville Fire Department (VFD)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Windsor Township Emergency Services (WTES)	Direct	

Emergency Medical Services			
PSAP Area	Public Agency⁷	Dispatch	Backup PSAP⁸
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Benton Township EMS (BTEMS)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Castleton Maplegrove Nashville Area EMS (NEMS)	Direct by Eaton County Emergency Communications as Primary PSAP and Barry County Central Dispatch Authority	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Delta Township EMS (DTEMS)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Eaton Area EMS (EAEMS)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Grand Ledge Area Emergency Services Authority (GLAESA)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Portland City EMS (PEMS)	Direct by Eaton County Emergency Communications as Primary PSAP and Ionia County Central Dispatch	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Vermontville EMS (VEMS)	Direct	
Primarily Geographic Boundaries of Entity, but Subject to Closest Car Concept	Windsor Township Emergency Services (WTES)	Direct	

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Miscellaneous			
PSAP Area	Public Agency⁹	Dispatch	Backup PSAP¹⁰
County of Eaton	Eaton County Road Commission (ECRC)	Direct	
County of Eaton	Eaton County Emergency Management (ECEM)	Direct	
County of Eaton	Eaton County Animal Control (ECAC)	Direct	
County of Eaton	Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	Direct	

THE BOARD FURTHER RESOLVES that these Administrative Findings shall modify, amend, replace, or supersede any prior resolution or Administrative Finding. Carried unanimously.

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EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INITIAL
WORK AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
AGENCY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG)**

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Barnes moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell.

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management Division has grant funds available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program; and

WHEREAS, the County receives funding through this program to fund a portion of the cost of the Emergency Manager position; and

WHEREAS, an initial work agreement for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, is required to remain eligible for the continuation of funding through this program, which is estimated to provide up to 50% of the position salary based on the completion of eligible activities contained in the initial work agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the initial work agreement is authorized for submission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller be authorized to approve any necessary budget amendments in reference to the award of this grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners or their designee is authorized to sign any necessary grant documents. Carried unanimously.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE CANINE ADVOCATE REAGAN

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Barnes moved to approve the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell.

WHEREAS, Reagan served as the first Canine Advocate for the Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and as the fifth Canine Advocate in the state; and

WHEREAS, Reagan served the residents of Eaton County from December 2013 until August 2024; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Seratt, along with his family, served as the handler and caregiver of Reagan giving him a loving home and support to fulfill his duties for Eaton County.

WHEREAS, Reagan and Bryan utilized their special skill set and relationship to assist both Oxford High School and the Berrien County Courthouse after tragic events impacted those communities; and

WHEREAS, Reagan assisted and provided needed comfort to victims for over a decade in Eaton County, relieving anxiety and especially helping children in need of relief from traumatic events; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners commemorate the 11 years of dedicated service Canine Advocate Reagan, along with his handler Bryan Seratt, served the people of Eaton County as a symbol of hope, strength, and healing. Carried unanimously.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**SEPTEMBER 18, 2024****RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2023/2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS****Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County 2023/2024 Appropriations Act of September 20, 2023, states that any amendment to increase a salary and/or a Capital Outlay line-item in excess of \$2,500.00 or any amendment to increase the total budget of any fund or department in excess of \$2,500.00 shall be amended by the Board of Commissioners, except that any amendment to decrease the General Fund Contingency shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, such amendments are needed in order to comply with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act of 1978, P.A. 621.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments be approved and added to the 2023/2024 Eaton County Budget:

GENERAL FUND - 101**COUNTY CLERK - ELECTIONS 101.215**

Increase	Wages & Fringe	\$ 21,500
Decrease	Professional Services	\$ 21,500

To amend budget for election workers paid as employees rather than contractors as originally budgeted.

SHERIFF 101.301

Increase	Insurance Proceeds	\$ 62,500
Increase	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 62,500

To increase budget for the cost of two totaled leased vehicles and the insurance proceeds.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**PARKS AND RECREATION 208**

Increase	Wages & Fringes	\$ 45,000
Increase	Fund Balance Carryover	\$ 45,000

To increase budget for interim director, overtime, and temporary employee costs.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 282

Increase	Federal Revenue	\$ 927,680
Increase	Wages & Fringes	\$ 927,680

To increase budget for recruitment and retention payments as approved in December 2022.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 282

Increase	Interest Revenue	\$ 285,000
Increase	Transfers Out – Health Insurance	\$ 185,000
Increase	Transfers Out – Drain	\$ 100,000

GENERAL FUND – TRANSFERS 101

Increase	Transfers In – American Rescue Plan Fund	\$ 100,000
Increase	Transfers Out – Drain At Large	\$ 100,000

To increase budget for recognition of American Rescue Plan Act interest and increased operational expenses. The transfer to the Health Insurance Fund will defray the increased costs the County has experienced for employee health care in an amount not to exceed \$185,000. The transfer to the General Fund for Drain at Large expenses will defray the increased costs the County has experienced due to annual drain maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Carried unanimously.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**SEPTEMBER 18, 2024****RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2023/2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS****Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

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WHEREAS, such amendments are needed in order to comply with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act of 1978, P.A. 621.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments be approved and added to the 2023/2024 Eaton County Budget:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 282**

Increase	Federal Revenue	\$ 51,000
Increase	Professional Services	\$ 51,000

To increase budget for foreclosure prevention program as approved in December 2022.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT 284

Increase	Opioid Settlement – Distributor	\$ 168,600
Increase	Opioid Settlement – Teva	\$ 34,450
Increase	Opioid Settlement – Allergen	\$ 43,600
Increase	Opioid Settlement – CVS	\$ 29,950
Increase	Opioid Settlement - McKinsey	\$ 62,100
Decrease	Use of Fund Balance	\$ 338,700

To increase budget for recognition of Opioid Settlement monies received. Carried unanimously.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**SEPTEMBER 18, 2024****RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2024/2025
EATON COUNTY BUDGET****Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee**

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha.

WHEREAS, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, Public Act 621 of 1978, as amended, indicates that the Legislative body shall adopt a balanced budget for all funds by passing an Appropriations Act; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be known as the Fiscal Year 2025 General Appropriation Act; and

WHEREAS, that pursuant to State law, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on September 1, 2024 and September 8, 2024, and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on September 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County voters authorized millages of 0.7000 of a mill for Jail Debt and Operation, 0.9500 of a mill for 911, 0.2500 of a mill for EATRAN, 0.3500 of a mill for Juvenile Operations, 0.1250 of a mill for the Medical Care Facility, 1.5000 mills for Road Repair and Rehabilitation, and 0.5000 of a mill for Parks Operations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners will authorize, in June 2025, a general property tax levy on all real and personal property within the County upon the current tax roll for County general operations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Fiscal Year 2025 General Appropriations Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves a levy of the full amount allocated after application of MCL 211.34(d), the "Headlee" millage reduction fraction, or 0.6993 of a mill for Jail Debt and Operation, 0.9500 of a mill for 911, 0.3500 of a mill for Juvenile Operations, 0.1248 of a mill for the Medical Care Facility, 1.4985 for Road Repair and Rehabilitation, and 0.5000 of a mill for Parks Operations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners approves a levy of 0.2497 of a mill for EATRAN; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2024/2025 Eaton County General Fund (#101) budget of \$49,038,602 be adopted by activity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other funds budgets (Special Revenue \$29,768,066 and Debt Service \$7,235,786) be adopted by activity, for a total 2024/2025 budget of \$86,042,454; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to increase a salary and/or a Capital Outlay activity in excess of \$2,500.00 shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to increase the total budget of any fund or department in excess of \$2,500.00 shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners except that any amendment to decrease the General Fund Contingency shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller be authorized to make such other budget amendments as necessary with the exception of those specified in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the approved Position Allocation List contained in this resolution shall limit the number of permanent employees who can be employed in all departments, offices, and the courts, and no funds are appropriated for any permanent position or employee not on the Approved Position List; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as vacancies occur during the budget year, they shall not be refilled, except by specific Ways and Means Committee authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certain positions contained in the Position Allocation List which are supported in some part by a grant, cost sharing, reimbursement, or some other source of outside funding are only approved contingent upon the County receiving those budgeted revenues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that some outside funding is not received or the County is notified that it will not be received, said positions shall be considered not funded and removed from the approved Position Allocation List; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is understood that revenues and expenditures may vary from those which are currently contemplated and may be changed from time to time by the Board of Commissioners during the 2024/2025 fiscal year, as deemed necessary. Consequently, there may be a need to increase or decrease various portions of the budget and/or impose layoffs due to unforeseen financial changes; therefore, the Board of Commissioners reserves the right to change the Approved Position Allocation List at any time. The County Elected Officials and County Department Heads shall abide by whatever changes are made by the Board of Commissioners, if any, relative to the approved position and the number of employees stated in the Position Allocation List.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salaries of the County's Elected Officials are established according to the Elected Official Salary Schedule contained in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the activity appropriations which represent the estimated costs of operating the Courts in 2024/2025 are contingent upon reimbursements to Eaton County by the State of Michigan in accordance with MCL 600.151(b). County appropriations to the Courts, in accordance with P.A. 374 and 375 of 1996, are made contingent upon conformance to all county policies and procedures regarding court personnel and the expenditure of funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all County Elected Officials and County Department Heads shall abide by all applicable policies set by the Board of Commissioners including but not limited to budgets, purchasing, travel, and per diems; as well as the Eaton County Personnel Policies, and that budgeted funds for these purposes are appropriated contingent upon compliance with all County policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Personnel Policy shall apply to all employees and elected officials who are not covered under a collective bargaining agreement or who function under a policy manual, which has been jointly approved by the County Board of Commissioners and an Elected Official who has co-employer status.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Controller shall be authorized to make year-end transfers of up to \$20,000 between activities or funds or with such amounts that may be available in the Contingency of the General Fund, as may be necessary to ensure that departments do not end the 2024/2025 fiscal year in a deficit condition. Any such transfer will be reported to the Ways and Means Committee at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Carried unanimously.

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EMPLOYEE ECONOMIC POLICY CHANGES
FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES**

Introduced by the Ways and Means Committee

Commissioner Mulder moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha.

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioner's has completed bargaining with all seven (7) of the bargaining units covering wages, benefits and working conditions for employees; and

WHEREAS, the Agreements with the union groups included some technical and structural changes to compensation that are largely uniform between groups; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby authorizes that with the adoption of the budget for FY 2024/25 on October 1, 2024 that it includes an amendment to the Eaton County Board of Commissioner's Policy Handbook as outlined below;

WHEREAS, the amendment pertains to the following Articles in the Policy Handbook:

- ARTICLE 1. INSURANCE; and
- ARTICLE 5. LONGEVITY; and
- ARTICLE 7. ANNUAL LEAVE; and
- ARTICLE 8. PAID SICK LEAVE.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Controller be authorized to implement the above changes amending the Policy Handbook; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners or his designee be authorized to sign any necessary documents. Carried unanimously.